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SUBJ: YOUTH REACTION TO CAMPORA RESIGNATION

1. WHILE MOST POLITICAL OBSERVERS ARE VIEWING THE PROCESS AS A MOVE TO THE RIGHT (OR AT LEAST TOWARD THE CENTER), THE JUVENTUD PERONISTA (JP) AND EVEN SUCH GROUPS AS THE FAR AND MONTONEROS ARE TRYING TO PUT THE BEST POSSIBLE FACE ON THE SITUATION AND, AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT, ARE PUBLICLY INTERPRETING THE OUSTER OF CAMPORA AS A MOVE TO STRENGTHEN PERON'S POSITION TO DEAL WITH THE IMPERIALISTS AND THEIR AGENTS. IN A STATEMENT ISSUED YESTERDAY, FOR EXAMPLE, THE JP VOICED ITS UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR PERON AND INDICATED THAT IF THE MOVES OF THE PAST FEW DAYS WERE AIMED AT PLACING THE LATTER IN THE PRESIDENCY, THE JP COULD NOT BUT APPROVE. WITH RESPECT TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A JOINT PERON-BALBIN TICKET, THE STATEMENT AVERRED THAT "SINCE SUCH A TICKET WOULD RESPOND TO GENERAL PERON'S WISH TO PROMOTE NATIONAL UNITY, WE WOULD FAVOR IT."

2. AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, LEFT-WING JP MEMBERS CONTINUE TO ATTACK OSINDE, LOPEZ REGA AND EVEN PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT LASTIRI AS "FASCISTS." THERE ARE OBVIOUS INTERNAL CONTRADICTIONS IN A
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POSITION WHICH APPROVES THE "CONSTITUTIONAL COUP" BUT DENIGRATES

THOSE WHO ENGINEERED IT (I.E. LOPEZ REGA, LASTIRI ET AL). HOW LONG THE JP (TO SAY NOTHING OF THE MONTONEROS, FAR AND OTHERS) WILL BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THIS SCHIZOID APPROACH TO THE MATTER REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

3. IN A RELATED INCIDENT, PERONIST AND OTHER STUDENT GROUPS WERE REPORTED TO HAVE OCCUPIED VARIOUS BUILDINGS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BUENOS AIRES OVER THE WEEKEND AND DURING THE LAST FEW NIGHTS. THE PURPOSE OF THIS ACTION IS SAID TO BE TO PREVENT OCCUPATION OF THE BUILDINGS BY OTHER GROUPS AND TO DEMONSTRATE SUPPORT FOR THE "INTERVENTOR" OF THE UNIVERSITY RODOLFO PUIGGROS. A RUMOR HAD CIRCULATED THAT PUIGGROS'S RESIGNATION, WHICH HAD BEEN OFFERED TO PERON AS A DISPLAY OF LOYALTY, WOULD BE ACCEPTED AND THAT HE WOULD BE REPLACED BY JOSE GUEMEX, AN ADVISOR TO THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND EDUCATION. THIS RUMOR WAS LATER DENIED BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE WHICH TERMED THE INFORMATION "INEXACT." KREBS

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